

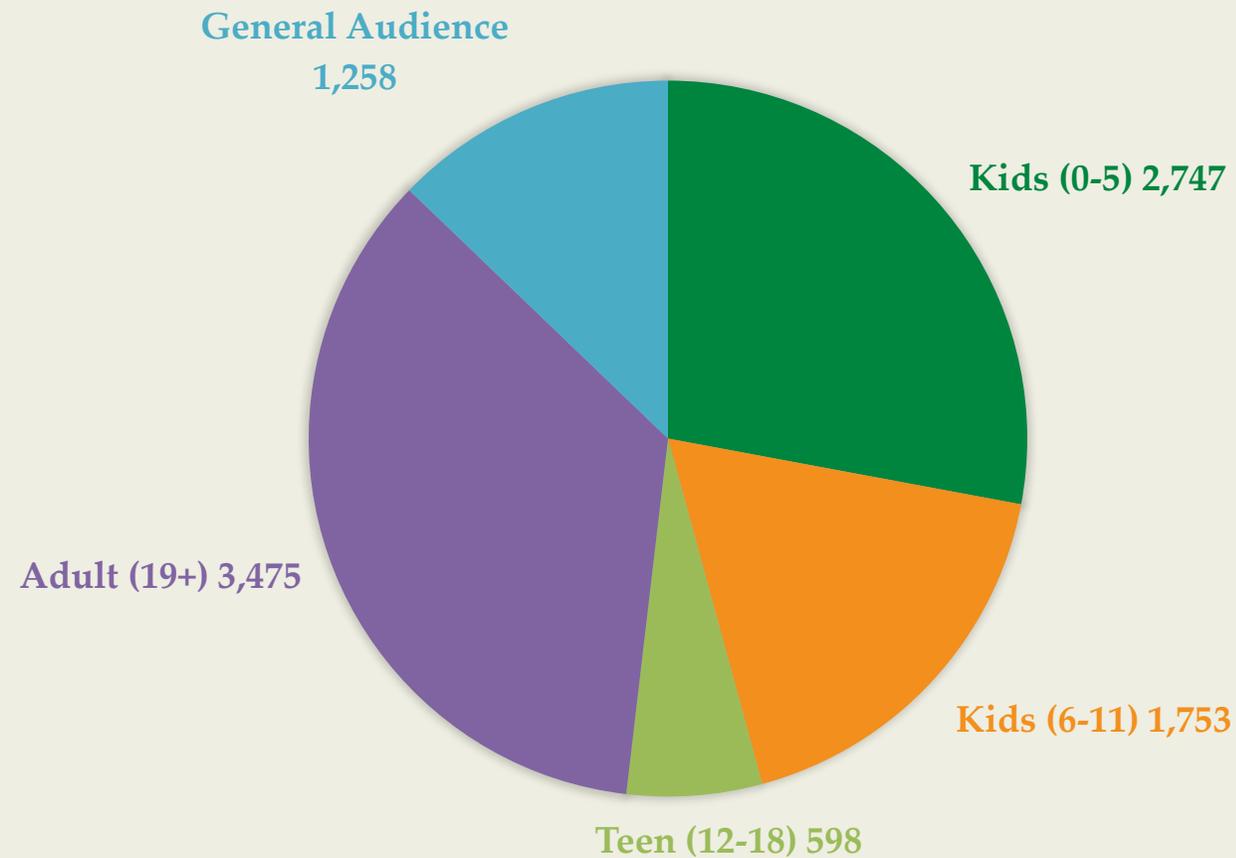
# Programming at Vermont Libraries

December 16, 2022 (revised 3/13/23)

# Today's Presentation

- Vermont Programming Data
- Programming Data Comparisons
- Factors That Affect Programming
- Summer Programming Spotlight

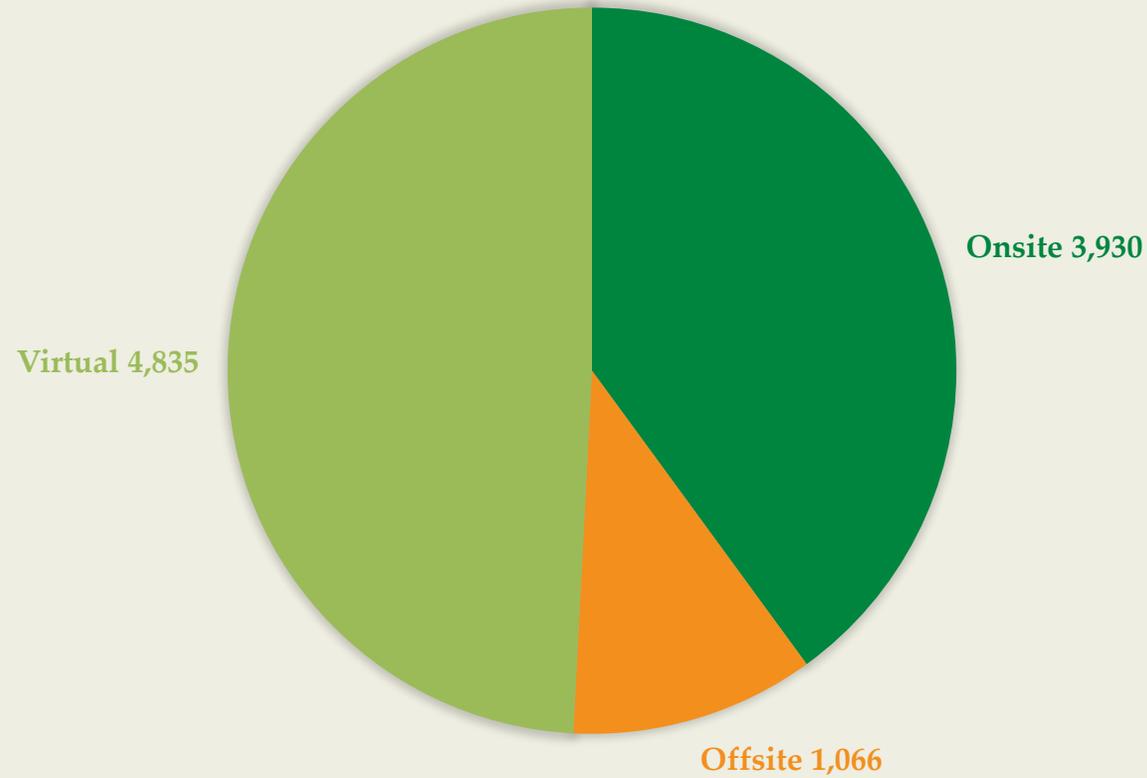
# Number of Programs Hosted by VT Libraries by Age (2021)



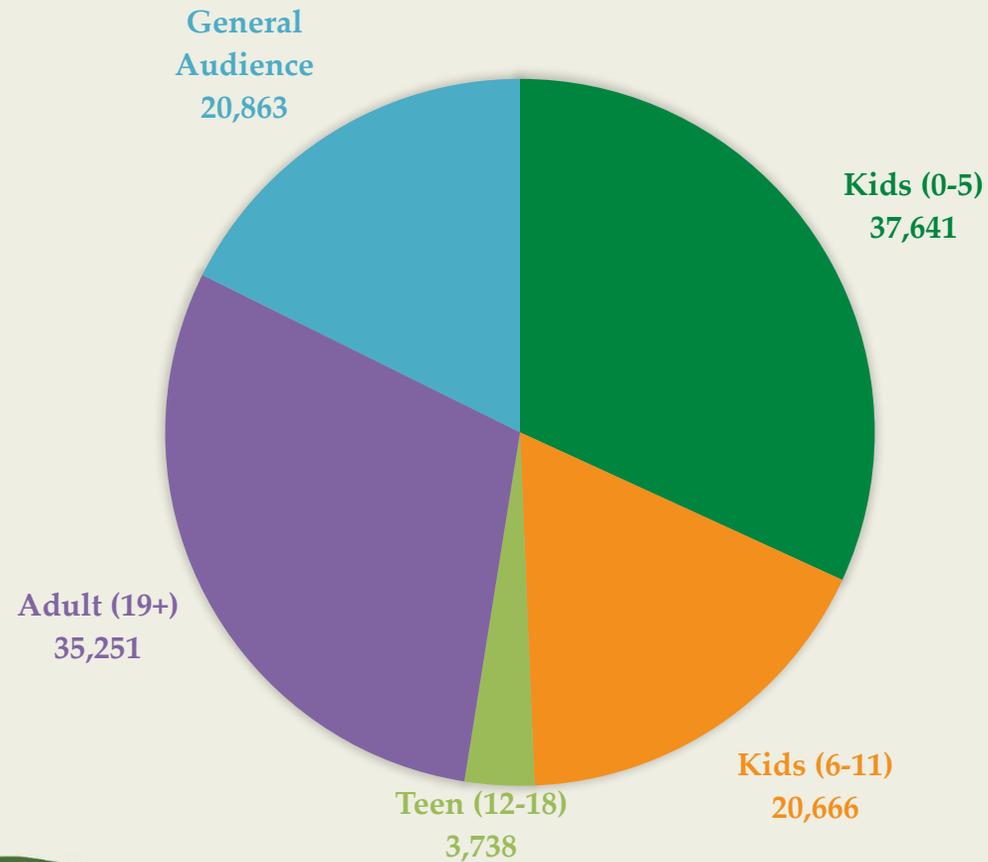
Total Number  
of Programs:  
9,831

# Number of Programs Hosted by VT Libraries by Format (2021)

Total Number of Programs:  
9,831

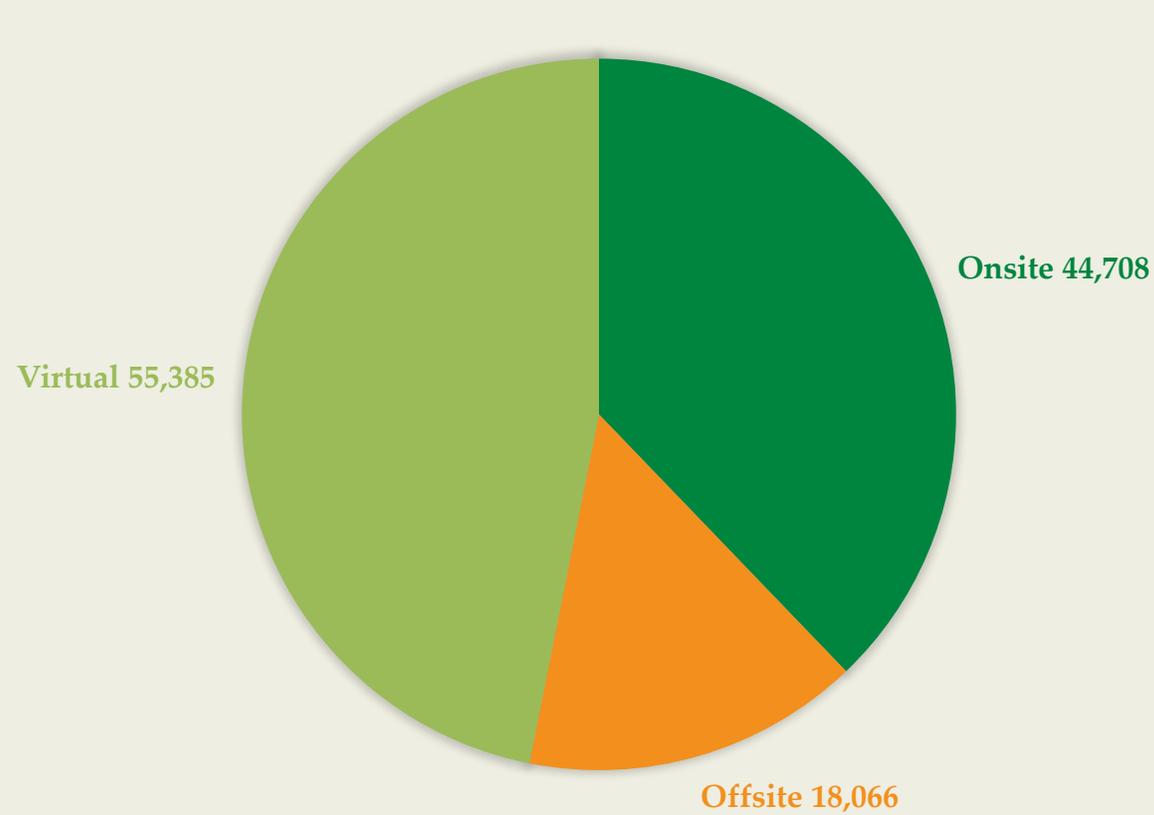


# Number of Attendees of VT Library Programs by Age (2021)



Total Program  
Attendance:  
118,159

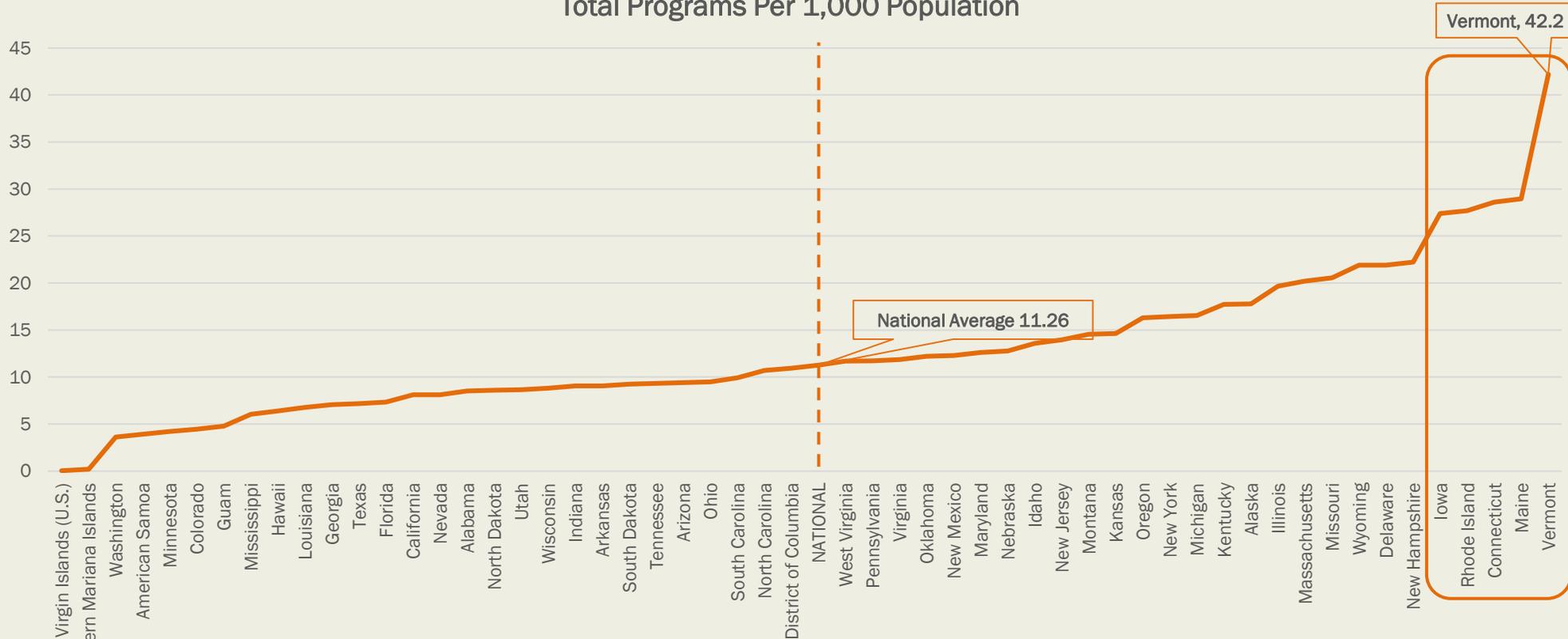
# Number of Attendees of VT Library Programs by Format (2021)



Total Program  
Attendance:  
118,159

# National Program Offering Comparison (2020)

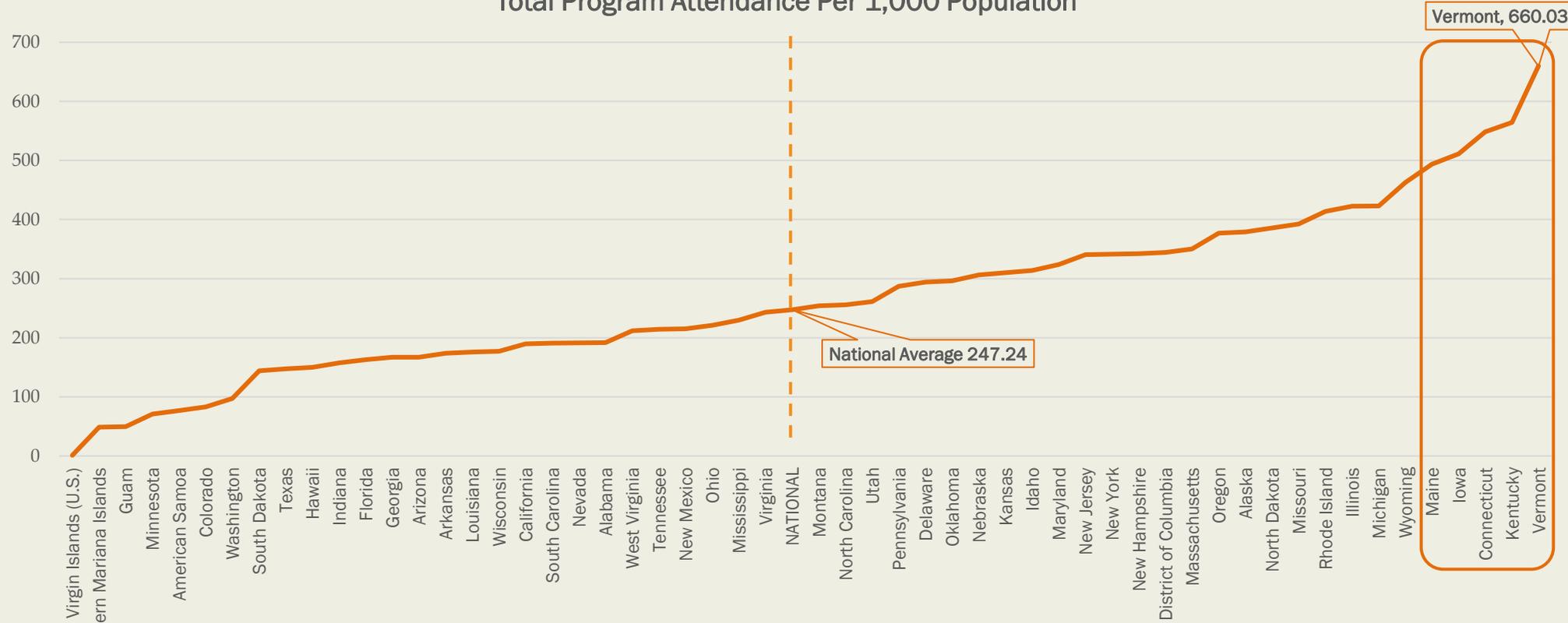
Total Programs Per 1,000 Population



Vermont ranks **#1** in number of programs offered **per capita** for adults and children.

# National Program Attendance Comparison (2020)

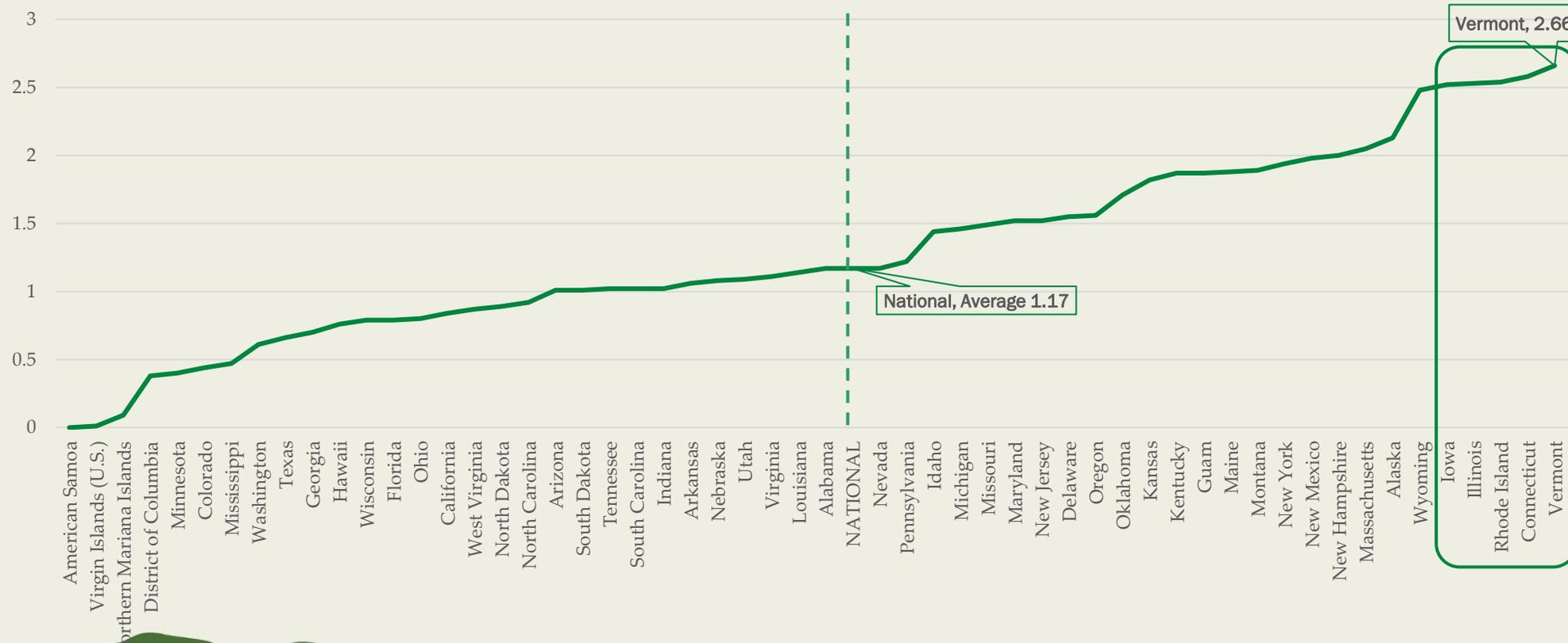
Total Program Attendance Per 1,000 Population



Vermont ranks **#1** in per capita attendance for adult and children's programming.

# YA Programs Comparison (2020)

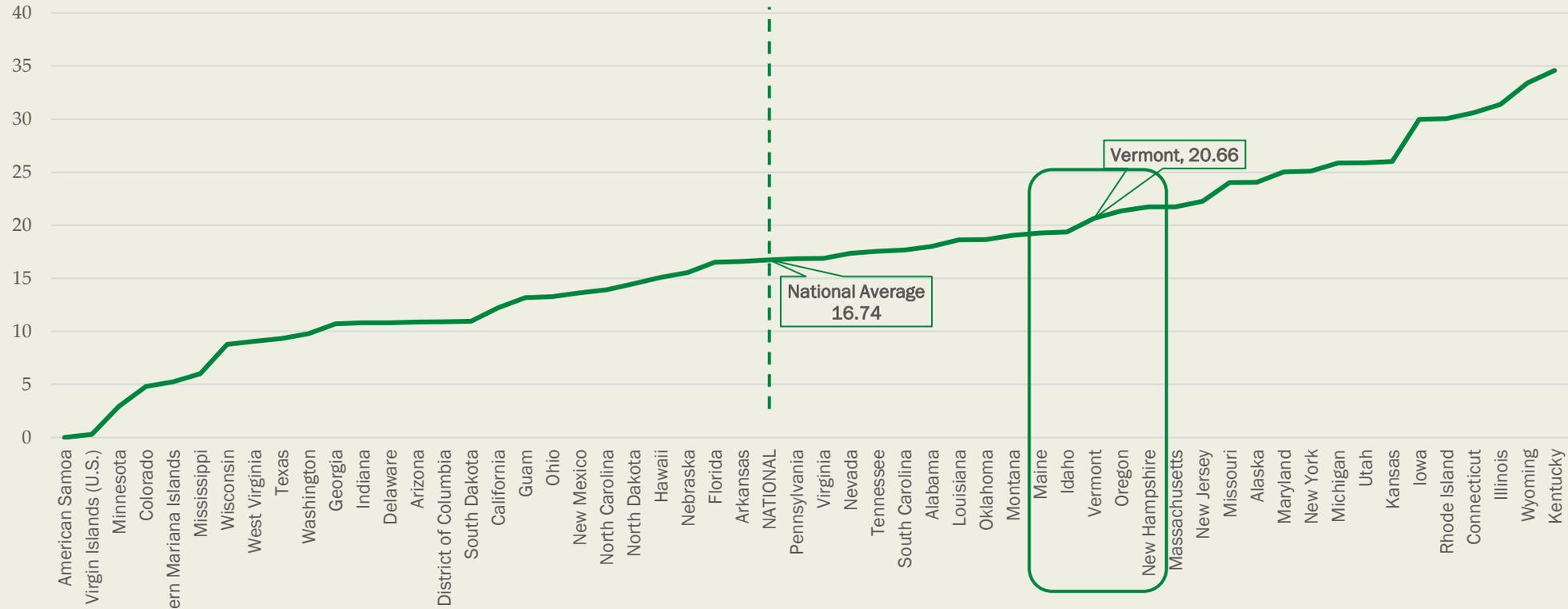
Total Young Adult Programs Per 1,000 Population



Vermont ranks **#1** in number of program offering per capita for young adult programming.

# YA Program Attendance (2020)

Total Young Adult Program Attendance Per 1,000 Population



Vermont ranks #18 in per capita attendance for young adult programming.

# Factors That Affect Programming



[National Impact of Library Public Programs Assessment](#)

# Programming Considerations

- Competence in or access to people with expertise in
  - Digital literacy
  - Early literacy
  - Teen programming
  - EDIA programming
- Dedicated program spaces (indoor/outdoor)
- Flexible spaces/movable furniture
- Budget
- Staff capacity

# Summer Programming Spotlight

# 2022 Summer Programming at Vermont Libraries

- 131 of the 134 libraries who submitted the summer programming survey offered some kind of summer reading program
- 143 libraries received \$300 Summer Programming grants

# Highlights and Testimonials

We always have a huge impact on our community. Summer Reading highlights the good work that rural libraries do in their communities - the offering of free and accessible activities, community partnerships and happy, engaged kids is what it is all about. (Westford Library)

Our shelves were more depleted this summer than I ever recall. So much traffic through our doors. It was almost more than we could stay on top of. A good problem to have!  
(Richmond Free Library)

This is the first time our library has had a summer reading program since before the pandemic. It was wonderful to see patrons get enthused about it, including our adult participants.  
(Waterville Town Library)

# Highlights and Testimonials

Many people see how engaging and welcoming our library is to all age groups and we are a true community partner for much more than books.

(Alice M. Ward Memorial Library)

Since we were able to present our summer reading line-up of activities in our local school system, a number of children who had never visited came to the library with caregivers and signed up for library cards. A number of these families have remained active in the fall, volunteering, attending programs, and checking out materials.  
(Carpenter-Carse Library)

We tripled our summer reading participation in this year. In addition, our book circulation for children and youth dramatically increased this past summer as compared to pre-pandemic numbers.

(Cutler Memorial Library)

# Highlights and Testimonials



Tunbridge Library



Burnham Memorial Library



Latham Memorial Library



Guilford Library

# Data Sources

- Vermont Public Library data is from the result of 2021's annual state-wide library survey:  
[https://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/PublicLibraries/Statistics/Report\\_Spreadsheets/PLS\\_Summary\\_2021.pdf](https://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/PublicLibraries/Statistics/Report_Spreadsheets/PLS_Summary_2021.pdf)
- State benchmarking data is from the Institute of Museum and Library Service's 2020 Public Library Survey Benchmarking: <https://www.ims.gov/pls-benchmarking-tables>
- [National Impact of Library Public Programs Assessment](#)